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Stop! Think! Act!

Did you ever stop to think that a few gallons of paint costing possibly \$10 or \$15 will add HUNDREDS of DOLLARS to the value of your place if you wish to sell, it put puts you in the progressive class at little cost.

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goes the farthest and lasts the longest.
It is fully guaranteed by the makers.

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Elgin, Oklahoma

On The Elgin Routes.

H. E. Cline of route 2 was a passenger to Lawton on business Thursday.

J. H. Koller of route 3 returned last week from a visit at Okarche.

L. C. King of route 2 left Friday for a visit at Nocona, Tex.

If you need school shoes buy Star Brand because they are leather. Sold by Elgin Merc. Co.

Ray Black, son of J. H. Black of route 2, has been very low with pneumonia.

Scott Walling came from Marlow Friday evening, visiting over Sunday with his parents on route 3.

Chas. D. Campbell and wife of route 3 went to Oklahoma City Monday to attend a fine stock sale.

See our new dress and waist materials. "We lead—others follow." Elgin Merc. Co. adv.

Julius Himes, carrier of the auto route, was on the sick list Saturday and his brother John carried the mail.

A prairie fire on the old Shipper farm on route 2 Tuesday caused considerable alarm among the neighbors, who fought hard to save the buildings of S. Spitzer, O. Murphy, C. Rybolt and where Sam Ralls lives.

Thos. Hayes of route 3 was a passenger to Oklahoma City Tuesday to attend the sale of fine live stock.

Teach your children economy and thrift from the beginning by buying Star Brand Shoes. "Star Brand Shoes Are Better." adv. Elgin Merc. Co.

Mrs. J. N. Ballou of route 3 went back to El Reno again Monday where her sister has been

taken to the hospital and is not expected to live.

When W. C. Holt of route 2 goes to shoot a hog it takes him a long time to get a "head" on it before he pulls the trigger. The other day a man who was passing his place saw him aiming at a hog while he drove a half mile and he still had not pulled the trigger.

If we please you, tell your friends. If we don't, tell us. adv. Elgin Merc. Co.

J. M. Cornwell of route 4 has purchased a new Ford car.

Mrs. Thos. Elliott of route 3 returned today from an extended visit with relatives at Juod, Ky.

O. H. Putney of route 3 went to Oklahoma City today to attend the stock sale.

Debated Preparedness.

Quite an interesting debate was held at Mistielee Friday night on the subject, "Resolved, That Woodrow Wilson's policy of National Defense would be a detriment to the United States."

The speakers were: affirmative, Waldo Wettengel, G. B. Miller, Elmer Kitchmiller; negative, Sam Montgomery, J. T. Dotson, T. A. Spencer. The judges were M. F. Richardson, H. W. Harrel and E. E. Walling who rendered a decision of 2 to 1 in favor of the affirmative.

The question for debate there on Friday night of this week is on the immigration subject with four speakers on each side.

You owe it to yourself to buy the best merchandise possible for the price. Elgin Merc. Co. adv.

Eight In Family Killed

Man Kills Father, Wife, Five Children, Then Suicides, On Farm 12 Miles Southwest Of Lawton.

Bloody Work Done With Hammer, Razor And Revolver
Case Of Patricide, Uxoricide, Progenicide, Infanticide, And Suicide, All Included In Horrible Deed Of Homicide. Worst In History Of Southwest.

What is considered one of the worst tragedies that ever occurred in south west Oklahoma, happened at the home of Dan O'Kane 12 miles southwest of Lawton Sunday night, when his aged father, his wife, and his five children were found Monday morning horribly butchered and O'Kane himself in a dying condition. He was taken to Lawton in an unconscious condition and died Monday afternoon. From all evidence that could be secured the theory is that O'Kane murdered all the other members of the family and then committed suicide.

The father was found with a bullet wound in the temple, his wife had been beaten in the head and then shot, dying with her baby boy in her arms whose head had also been crushed with the hammer; two boys aged about 12 to 14 years had been struck with the hammer, their throats were cut half way to their ears and then shot in one side of their heads; two girls aged about 5 to 7 years were found with their skulls smashed in and their throats cut from ear to ear. Dan O'Kane himself had a bullet wound in the brain.

A mirror was found propped against a trunk and apparently he had used it to aim at his own head. The blood-stained ham-

mer and razor were found on the kitchen table and a pan of blood, water and blood stained towel were near by. There was no blood on his hands and they had the appearance of being recently washed.

Some rumors were that he was intoxicated but neighbors testified that he had not been drinking since Christmas. Neighbors also testified that he was very kind to his family and the best kind of a neighbor. One neighbor testified that Dan had told him several times that he was having trouble with his father. Over \$30 was found in his pocket book so that it could not be any robbery theory.

On March 1 O'Kane purchased the revolver from a second hand store in Lawton, he and the weapon both being identified. The unused cartridges which he got with the revolver were found in a paper on the kitchen table.

His mother was visiting a daughter in Lawton or there would have been one more in the fatal list. The bodies were all taken to an undertaking parlor in Lawton and viewed by a large throng, some of the women fainting. They were buried today in the Catholic cemetery at Lawton.

Stony Point Rumbings.

Miss Stella Harney spent from Friday until Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Pearl Good and daughter Emma visited Friday with Mrs. L. P. Clayton.

Among those who attended the drawing at Lawton were: A. L. Gibson and wife, Pearl Fross and wife, J. W. Head, D. L. Gilliland, J. H. Porter and Geo. McDermott. A. L. Gibson and family and Johnny and Leo Morris motored to Lawton Saturday night.

Tart Miller and wife of Elgin visited Geo. West and wife Sunday.

D. D. Grant, son Homer and daughter Ruth were business visitors in Elgin Saturday.

Miss Betty Ekins was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Pearl Fross Friday night.

Pearl Fross and wife motored to Elgin Saturday night.

Walter Hackett and wife, Betty Ekins, Geo. McDermott and Jim Martin motored to Medicine Park on an outing Sunday.

Rex Shaffer, D. L. Gilliland and Sam Hefner were among the Elgin callers Saturday.

Geo. McDermott and Guy Allen attended the dance given at Boglans Thursday night.

Mrs. L. P. Clayton and daughter Arlys visited with Mrs. Clayton's aunt, Mrs. Chas. Compton, Thursday.

Ed Miller and Mr. Tony delivered two loads of hay to Elgin Wednesday.

Mrs. T. A. Morris went to Lawton Saturday on business.

O. H. Putney and daughter Edna motored to Dr. E. L. Shirley's Monday on business.

Sylvia Mohler has been absent the past week from school on account of sickness.

Stanley and Bradley Elliott made a trip to Lawton Saturday.

A dance was given at the home of L. P. Clayton Saturday night and a very enjoyable time was had. Those present were: Chas. Compton and wife, Walter Hackett and wife, Henry and Ella

Husenbeck, Leslie and Velda Head, Geneva Ekins, J. W. Head and wife, Gertrude Fedde, Raphael Morris, Scott Walling, Everett Smith, Dick McLain, Son Good and wife, Guy Allen and Geo. McDermott.

L. P. Clayton and family spent Sunday with Son Good and wife.

A. L. Gibson and family visited Sunday evening at the Morris home.

SUNBEAM

Social Events.

The Catholic church folks held a box supper and social in the high school auditorium Thursday evening. The crowd was not very large on account of the cold weather, but those present report a good time and the social was a financial success. Total amount taken in was \$33.50 which left a net amount of \$30. after paying \$3.35 to the school library fund.

The young folks enjoyed a social at the home of L. M. Dotson south east of town Monday evening.

A surprise party was given Orange Putney Monday evening in honor of his birthday. There was a large attendance and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Ice cream and other delicacies were served.

The Catholic church folks held a card party and social in the Temple hall Monday evening.

A dance was held Tuesday evening at the home of Geo. Scheetz south east of Elgin.

Dewey Ricketts Hurt.

While racing a horse with a neighbor Tuesday evening, Dewey Ricketts, son of C. B. Ricketts south east of Elgin, was thrown from his horse against a telephone pole and three of his ribs were broken. No further injury has been learned.

We sell liquid smoke in \$1.00 bottles. Elgin Merc. Co. (adv.)

HENRYETTA COAL

From car this week

\$6.00

D. E. McAnaw

Poultry Paragraphs.

Fred Spence of route 2 has just recently ordered two 200-egg (240) incubators, increasing his hatching capacity 480 eggs, and he already has one or two of them.

Mrs. O. H. Putney is setting Buff Orpington eggs this year and is entering the list of Orpington fanciers.

H. S. Russell, south east of town, says the eggs from his flock of Buff Orpingtons have been running up to \$2.00 per day lately.

While in Chickasha last week E. West visited a White Leghorn breeder who has 400 hens. He says his eggs have averaged him \$1.25 per month during the winter months.

R. A. Harrel says the eggs from his Buff Orpingtons have been averaging him \$1.00 per day lately.

Poultry raisers should see that all their chickens have plenty of clean, fresh water from the time they get off the roosts in the morning until they go to roost at night. They generally make the greatest rush for the water on leaving the roosts in the morning.

This paper will have considerable to say next week on "Scored and Unscored Thoroughbreds." Watch for it.

Bought A Ford.

Rev. H. H. Meeker purchased a new Ford runabout in Lawton Monday. He did not have any previous experience in running a car, but after a little instruction, drove it to Elgin in the afternoon, accompanied by his wife. He is now in shape to look after his services and work at Beaver Bend, Hulen and Geronimo without having to wait for any one.

On The School Meets.

Information has been sent to all the teachers in Comanche county explaining the different events that will be offered at the county track and field meet to be held at Lawton the 21st and 22nd of April.

Many of the enthusiastic teachers are busy training and preparing their pupils for this event.

The county has been divided into four districts with a supervisor for each, as follows:

James Huff, Cache, N.W. Dist.
J. G. Hunter, Faxon, S.W. "
Jess Ayers, Lawton, S.E. "
J. H. Walhite, Elgin, N.E. "

Any of the pupils or teachers desiring information along the line of the Intellectual or Athletic contests may communicate with a district manager.

As the program was so long at the county contest last year it has been necessary for a preliminary to be held in each of the 4 districts to be held at Elgin, Cache, Faxon and Geronimo.

Many of our citizens will remember that we had one of the largest crowds in Elgin for several years at the meet last year, but more interest is being shown this year than before. Therefore it is assured that this will be the most successful event of its kind ever attempted in the county.

Annual Track Meet.

The annual track meet in Elgin will be held on Saturday, April 1, when representatives in the different athletic and intellectual events will be selected to represent Elgin and the north east district at the county meet in Lawton on April 21 and 22. This will be a big day for Elgin. Complete program will be published soon.

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To encourage the raising of more and better Barred Plymouth Rocks, I will give a prize of \$15.00 IN CASH to the person exhibiting the best pen, hatched from eggs bought of me this season.

I have 200 large well-marked hens and pullets mated with Imperial Ringlet Plymouth Rock Cockerels. Fresh eggs hatch best.

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